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TAGS: VS, PDEV, MILI

SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE MESSAGE FOR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM WHITE HOUSE  
COUNSELOR MARSH TO THE FOLLOWING:

PEKING FOR SPEAKER ALBERT AND REP. RHODES

MEXICO CITY FOR SENATORS MANSFIELD AND GRIFFIN AND REP.

WILSON

BRUSSELS FOR SENATOR SCOTT

ATHENS FOR REPRESENTATIVES O'NEILL, ANDERSON AND PRICE.

2. QTE THE PRESIDENT WANTED ME TO ADVISE YOU OF THE  
FOLLOWING: IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEALS FROM THE GOVERNMENT  
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OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY

GRAVE NATURE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES, THE UNITED STATES IS TAKING THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

(1) QTE THE PRESIDENT HAS ORDERED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN A NAVAL EVACUATION EFFORT OFF THE COAST OF VIET-NAM TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSPORT OF REFUGEES.

(2) QTE OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE REFUGEE EVACUATION IS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT. AT THIS POINT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

(3) QTE UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSELS, PRINCIPALLY CONSISTING OF TRANSPORT SHIPS, WILL ENTER VIET-NAM WATERS IN ORDER TO PICK UP REFUGEES BEING FERRIED OUT FROM THE COAST. I AM ADVISED HOWEVER OUR VESSELS WILL STAND OFF SHORE AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN HOSTILITIES.

(4) UNDER THE PRESENT PLAN A GROUPOF FOUR TRANSPORT VESSELS WILL LEAVE THEIR PACIFIC BASES FOR VIET-NAM WATERS TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK. I AM INFORMED THE STEAMING TIME FOR CLOSEST VESSEL IS ESTIMATED TO BE A DAY AND ONE-HALF. JOHN O. MARSH, COUNSELOR TO THE PRESIDENT. END QTE. KISSINGER

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